

Appl. No. 10/524,182; Docket No. US02 0297
Amdt. dated November 14, 2006
Response to Office Action dated October 5, 2006

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-19 are pending in the application.

Applicants appreciate Examiner's acknowledgement of allowable subject matter in Claims 2-9 and 11-19.

In response to Examiner's observation, Claims 2 and 11 have been amended to put them into independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 1 and 10 have been cancelled.

Applicants believe they have addressed the Examiner's concerns and the claims as amended are allowable. A timely Notice of Allowance is earnestly requested.

The Commissioner is hereby requested and authorized pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a)(3), to treat any concurrent or future reply in this application requiring a petition for extension of time for its timely submission, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time. Please charge any additional fees which may now or in the future be required in this application, including extension of time fees, but excluding the issue fee unless explicitly requested to do so, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-4019.

Applicants believe they have addressed all of Examiner's concerns. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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